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*Seward County, Nebraska*

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## November Meeting & Program

November is UFO Month! At our November 17th meeting we expect great things from these quilters who each pledged to finish her UFO by November : Barbara Pike, Sheila Beins, Lori Duffek, Becky Wallroff, Carla Fiedler, Doris Kohout, Linda Riesberg and Marian Fosler. This has always been a fun activity, even if the Quilt Police have to make an appearance!

Several BVQG members who traveled as part of a conservation team to the Goehner Museum will offer a presentation on their trip and the processes used to handle the antique quilts.

Bring some ideas for the guild's 2009 challenge project. Suggestions will be collected and the board will choose one at the next meeting.

And if all this isn't enough excitement, there's our monthly Show and Tell. Haven't shown a quilt before? Now's the time to share with a group who "gets it"!

President Mary Robbins has some fun ideas for 2009 and is looking forward to getting every one of us involved.

## Your Board at Work

The first BVQG Board Meeting was held Monday, November 3rd, 2008 at the Seward Civic Center. President Mary Robbins, Vice President Diane Swartzlander, Secretary Elaine Nielsen, Treasurer Kaye McCloy and Program Committee member Jeanie Hecker discussed plans for the upcoming year.

Mary is restoring the monthly Friendship Block Exchange, to begin in January with all those wishing to participate bringing one (or more) 9-patch block of some kind, 6½" unfinished, and incorporating the color blue. For each block you bring, your name will be entered into a drawing to win the blocks.

The Bus Trip, workshops and a UFO challenge with a twist were also addressed, along with the possibility of another major quilt show in 2010. Be prepared to vote on continuing this large but successful venture soon.

The next Board meeting will be held Monday, January 5th.

## A Letter from our BVQG President



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another item to the  
newsletter!



The low-down  
on quilt-  
related books,  
DVDs, music  
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## From Mary's Desk

Dear Friends,

This time of year always sparks a bit of nostalgia in me and finds me thinking of the events of the waning year and, indeed, years past, some long past. Today I am remembering my first year in the Blue Valley quilt guild. I arrived, as many do, as a guest of Marian Fosler. I knew no one else in the guild and very few people in Seward.

Since that time, 11 or 12 years ago it must be now, I have made friends that I cherish and will be my sisters for the rest of my life. I have learned much about a craft that I love. I have had experiences and made memories I wouldn't sell for any amount of money. I had no idea, that first day, as I sat in the semi circle of chairs (remember?) and introduced myself to so many of you, and to many wonderful women that are no longer members or have gone on before but are ever in our hearts, what an important and fulfilling part of my life the guild and its members would become.

This is what our guild means to me and what I hope it means to each of you, too. My goal for the coming year is for each one of us to have a new wealth of memories and new friendships to carry with us into the years to come after. I may forget some important things and have to be reminded from time to time, and parliamentary procedure is only a vague concept for me, but I hope that each of you will one day be able to say, "Remember when we had such fun (fill in the blank)? Wasn't that the year Mary was president of the guild? Then I'll have done my job.

Enjoy your holiday season and be thinking of ideas for the coming guild year. When you have them, share them! We're going to have a great year! See you Monday.

## Media Review by Janalee Petsch

### FABRIC AS A NARRATIVE

Constructing a global quilting tradition

By Depth Reporting Classes

College of Journalism and Mass Communications, UNL

Summer, 2008

\$10.00

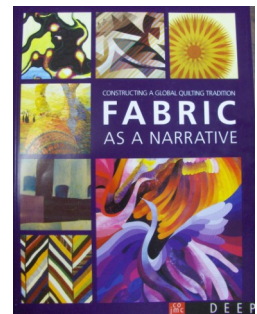
It looks like a magazine. It reads like a book. FABRIC AS A NARRATIVE is a little of both. Published as part of a depth reporting class by the College of Journalism and Mass Communications at UNL this magazine/book is packed with information all quilters will enjoy.

Written in short chapter form it's an overview of quilting past and present, quilters in countries around the world, quilt preservation, museums including the IQSC, the business side of the fabric industry and much more.

In-depth research was done on every aspect of the quilting world.

Color photography of all the quilts and locations adds visual interest and the quilter's stories make the entire magazine/book a must read. Jonathan Gregory, a UNL grad student interviewee said, "...a quilt is something a person can wrap up in and find comfort and warmth...a quilt is like a hug." So is reading this publication.

FABRIC AS A NARRATIVE will be available in the guild library.



- Janalee Petsch

# Happy Birthday to You!

## November Birthdays:

Ardith Roebke Nov 11  
Carol Isaac Nov 27  
Shirley Schluckebier Nov 28



## December Birthdays:

Joan Schildt Dec 3  
Bonnie McMann Dec 4  
Carla Fiedler Dec 5  
Linda Riesberg Dec 14  
Judy Polacek Dec 23  
Susan Minchow Dec 25  
Marilyn Varner Dec 30

## January Birthdays:

Linda Schiessl Jan 3  
Margaret Witte Jan 6  
Kriss Moulds Jan 11  
Suzanne Reinke Jan 15  
Barbara Pike Jan 27

## Recipes for Quilters - this month from the kitchen of Maralee Meyer

### Chicken Corn Chowder

2 T butter	2 cups chopped cooked, boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1/4 cup chopped onions	1 1/2 cups canned corn
1/4 cup chopped celery	1/4 tsp dried thyme
1 jalapeno pepper (optional) - seeded and chopped	1/4 tsp cayenne pepper (optional)
2 T flour	1/8 tsp salt
3 cups milk	1 (14 1/4 oz) can cream style corn

Melt butter in large Dutch oven over medium heat. Add onion, celery and jalapeno. Cook for 3 minutes or until tender, stirring frequently. Add flour and cook for one minute, stirring constantly. Stir in milk and remaining ingredients. (I like to add cubed Velveeta cheese at this point.) Bring to a boil and cook until thickened. (About 5 minutes.)

(Editor's note: Maralee also provided a wonderful Peppered Sage Popover recipe to follow in the next issue—yummy with this soup!)

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## AQS Expo in Des Moines

The AQS Quilt Expo came to Des Moines, Iowa, on October 8-11. Over 900 quilts were displayed at the Iowa Events Center, including a special exhibit by Nebraska quilter Sandi MacMillan, red, white and blue quilts from the Kirk Collection, the 2009 Pilgrim-Roy challenge the NQA New Quilts from an Old Favorite (Sawtooth) Challenge, and a display of vintage aprons,

Row upon row of vendors offered everything from foil embellishments to unique doll patterns, vintage sewing machines to African fabrics, and numerous quilting machines.

For more photos go to: <http://aqsquiltnews.blogspot.com/2008>



**Gloria Bell with two quilts displayed at the AQS Expo in Des Moines.**

# DUES ARE DUE!

BVQG Membership dues are \$20.00 per year and will be collected in November and December by Treasurer Kaye McCloy. If your address, e-mail or phone number has changed since last year, or if you are a new member, please include updated information, along with your birthday. In order to include your information in the 2009 Membership Roster to be available in January, we must have this by December 31st, 2008. Please contact Kaye if you have questions.



## 2009 Bus Trip

### Wanted:

**Bus Trip Coordinator** for the Blue Valley Quilt Guild's Annual Spring road trip. Please contact president Mary Robbins if you have interest, questions or ideas.

(If we're going to have a bus trip, we NEED a coordinator! Notes and records from past bus trips are available.)



### Blue Valley Quilters TREASURER'S REPORT October 2008

Beginning Checkbook Balance	September 30, 2008	\$894.21
INCOME: Member Dues	<u>\$440.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	\$440.00	
EXPENSES: Linda Riesberg—Supplies & Gift Cert	\$ 51.55	
Gloria Hall—October Program	211.36	
Bonnie Kucera—State Fair Winner	<u>10.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$272.91	
Ending Checkbook Balance	October 31, 2008	\$1,061.30
Certificate of Deposit Balance ***		<u>2,074.89</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	October 31, 2008	\$3,136.19

\*\*\*Certificate of Deposit Cattle Bank 9 month, 1.75% Rate, 1.76% APY, Due 6-29-09

Kaye McCloy, BVQG Treasurer

Hostesses are still  
needed for these  
meetings in 2009:

April (1)

May (1)

June (2)

July (2)

Can you help?



# October Meeting Minutes



Bonnie Kucera with  
October speaker  
Gloria Hall.

Blue Valley Quilters Guild Meeting  
Monday, October 20, 2008  
Seward Civic Center  
6th & Bradford  
Seward, NE

After the annual potluck dinner, President Linda Riesberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Linda welcomed the group and guests Pat Parrott and Connie Doehring.

Member birthdays for October were recognized. Members whose names were chosen and who had on their name tags were allowed to receive a fat quarter: Eileen Meyer, Gloria Bell, Janalee Petsch. Kandy Krieser received a special door prize.

Jeannie Hecker introduced the speaker, Gloria Hall from Palmyra, who gave a trunk show called "Every Woman Has a Story," which covered quilts from 1800-1990, starting with the more current date and working backwards.

Linda began the business meeting after a short break following the program.

Linda reminded everyone that dues of \$20 are to be paid to our new treasurer, Kay McCloy, this month or next. Minutes from the September 15, 2008 meeting and the Treasurer's Report for September 2008 were approved as printed.

Marilyn Varner audited the books before the meeting and said that they appeared to be in order.

Linda reminded members of the November 15 craft show fundraiser. A sign up sheet was passed around for members to sign up to help at the show.

The October 18 workday was attended by five members. They worked on their own projects and had fun doing so.

As the new guild newsletter editor, Katy Coleman mentioned that she would be happy to receive emails, calls, photos and articles of items to be put into the newsletter. Linda presented Kriss Moulds with a gift as outgoing newsletter editor.

Linda also recognized Gloria Bell as her major supporter this past year. She then recognized members of the outgoing board: Mary Robbins and Barbara Pike (Lori Duffek was absent). New officers for 2008-2009 are: Mary Robbins, President; Diane Swartzlander, Vice President; Elaine Nielsen, Secretary; Kate McCloy, Treasurer. Program Committee will be: Linda Riesberg, Jeannie Hecker, Susan Minchow and Marilee Meyer. Katy Coleman agreed to be Newsletter Editor.

Mary thanked Linda for serving as president this past year and presented her with a packet of quilt blocks made by members of the guild.

The meeting ended with Show and Tell.

The next meeting will be November 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

- Barbara Pike  
Secretary

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### BVQG Board of Directors

President—Mary Robbins  
Vice President—Diane Swartzlander  
Secretary—Elaine Nielsen  
Treasurer—Kaye McCloy

Non-Voting Assistance provided by:  
Past President/Advisor—Linda Riesberg  
Library Coordinator—Gloria Bell  
Program Committee—Jeanie Hecker.,  
Maralee Meyer, Susan Minchow & Linda  
Riesberg  
County Fair Liaison—Sheila Beins  
Newsletter—Katy Coleman  
Webmaster—Becky Wallroff

**November Meeting:**  
**Monday, November 17,**  
**2008**

Don't forget to bring:

Nametag  
Dues  
Show and Tell  
UFO Project

General meeting is held the third Monday of every month except December in the Seward Civic Center lower level at 7:00 PM. Board Meeting is held the first Monday of every month. Any interested quilter in the Blue Valley area is encouraged to attend a meeting as our guest!

